

## Sheriff Troy J. Knudson ROCK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

Firearm Discharge resulting in Injury

## For Immediate Release

Date: 03/01/20 Case: SO2010484

## **Contact Person**

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On 03-01-20 at approximately 2:30 p.m. deputies from the Rock County Sheriff's Office and Janesville Fire Department were dispatched to 4011 S CTH G in La Prairie Township in regards to a gunshot wound.

During the investigation it was discovered that a visitor to the residence had negligently operated a firearm inside the residence. The negligent handling of the firearm resulted in a round being discharge from the firearm that subsequently struck a 19 year old female in the lower abdomen. The 19 year old female was transported and is currently in stable condition with non-life threatening injuries.

As a result of the investigation, 22 year old Kolton R. Downing from Janesville, WI was arrested for the following:

- 940.24(1)-Causing injury by negligent operation of a Dangerous Weapon
- 941.296(2)(b)-Possession of Handgun or Armor Piercing round during crime
- 961.41(3g)(e)-Possession of THC
- 961.573(1)-Possession of Drug Paraphernalia

Kolton Downing will attend court on 03-03-20 at 3:00 p.m.

Kolton R. Downing

TROY J. KNUDSON SHERIFF

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